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REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on May 20, 2005, claims 1, 21, and 33 were rejected, and claims 2-20 and 22-32 were objected to. By this amendment, claims 1 and 21 have been canceled, claims 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 20, 22, 24, 27, 32, and 33 have been amended. Thus, claims 2-20, 22-33 are now pending. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Claims 2, 3, 9, and 12 have been re-written in independent form to include the limitations of now canceled claim 1. Claims 22, 24, and 27 have been re-written in independent form to include the limitations of now canceled claim 21. Claim 33 has been amended to include the limitation, "generating a logic zero or a logic one as an initialization value for the initialization circuit using an initialization value selection circuit connected to the initialization circuit."

Thus, Applicants assert that claims 2, 3, 9, 12, 22, 24, 27, and 33 are allowable. Additionally, Applicants assert that claims 4-8, 10, 11, 13-20, which variously depend from claim 2, and claims 23, 25, 26, 28-32, which variously depend from claim 22, are allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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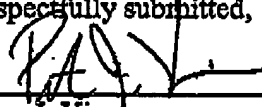
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In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 306812006200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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